

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2.

1. (currently amended) A handheld device for training animals comprising:

a palm sized housing;
a treat retaining compartment within said housing;
a sound producing element retained within said

housing;

an ~~uncovered~~ open top tray extending from said housing; and

a button disposed on said housing such that depressing said button produces a sound from said sound producing element and dispenses a treat from said treat retaining compartment onto said tray.

2. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein the treat retaining compartment includes a means for ~~positioning~~ biasing treats in the treat retaining compartment.

3. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1, wherein the button includes an actuator for actuation of a self-contained propellant dispensed treat container.

4. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1 further including a blade positioned within said housing such that depressing the button moves the blade onto a treat retaining area such that a discrete treat segment may be sliced from an elongate treat section.

5. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1 further including a means for positioning treats within said treat retaining compartment.

6. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1 wherein said button has interior compartment for holding a single treat, wherein pressing the button both dispenses a treat onto the tray, produces a sound by the sound producing element, and refills said interior compartment with a treat from said treat retaining compartment.

7. (withdrawn) The device of claim 1 wherein said tray retracts.